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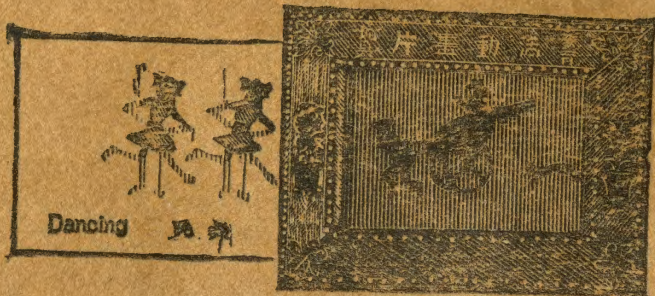
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Box no 83

mammal no 87.

may 28, filled box no 84,
insects. Today I received
notice from Shanghai that
nine boxes of specimens
have arrived and are being
forwarded to the Smithsonian-
ian Institution. I also ^{received}
a letter from Dr. Wetmore
asking that I discontinue
sending packages until
I hear from Dr. Wetmore
again. The only parcels
I have any worry about
are those now being delayed

at Ja bh'i. I am requesting the postmaster to bring those packages back to Suifu so that I can send them to Shanghai in care of a friend who is to pass through on the way to Shanghai in a few days.

The Chinese Postoffice is really the safest and cheapest way of sending specimens, but long delays in forwarding parcels and even letters are sometimes unavoidable.

May 29

Boxes no 85 and no 86 were packed today both containing insects from the Yachow Prefecture secured by the collector Chen Jih sien in April and May, altitudes varying from 1500 feet to 8000 feet.

Box no 87, Bird bones.

Some of the bird specimens I have been preserving for their bones not for their skins have been nearly ruined by maggots. Today I have had to get after them with formalin and arsenic

May 30 filled box no 88
bird bones and small fish

June 2. Filled boxes

89, Insects from Suifu

90, Insects, snakes and
frogs from the Yachow
Prefecture, ~~At~~, Shrimp
from Suifu, and

92, artifacts from
Kiating, ~~Dechuan~~ China.

93. Rat and bird skins

94. Fish.

Today I received a
letter from Mr. Ravenel stating
that \$500. w gold has been
sent to Miss Jacey to be
credited to my account

for a collecting trip to
Moupin this summer.
I'll begin getting ready at
once - in dead earnest.

June 3. Spent a great deal
of time getting 32 packages
of specimens ready to send
down the river.

June 3. The sixteen packages
being held by the General
at Sa lehi were brought
back and returned to me
through the kindness
of the Suifu Postmaster.
I am getting them ready
to send to Shanghai in
the care of a friend from ^{Chengtu}

June 4. I worked until
midnight last night getting the
packages ready to forward
to Shanghai.

Because boxes with
hinges and Cocks go as
baggage on the Yangtsé
river and no duty is required,
I have put most of the
32 boxes of specimens
in Chinese bamboo
boxes with hinges and
locks. I will have to
purchase new ^{boxes} ~~boxes~~ to
replace them later.

I have now packed the

specimens all ready for
shipping. I had to purchase
four locks for these boxes.
My idea is to send the
specimens to Shanghai
in care of some friend who
can look after them all
the way. This will be more
expensive but will
avoid the delays in the
Chinese Post Office due to
civil war, etc.

Our Mission Executive
is thinking of asking me
to go to Ningyuen, in
southwestern Szechuan,
after I have covered Moupin.

June 5, Mr. Earl Cranston
of the American Methodist
Mission today passed through
Suifu. He has taken along
with him the 32 boxes
of specimens to be handed
over to the American Express
Company at Shanghai. This
will mean a safe and
quick trip. A hot day.

June 6, 25 Today I secured
about thirty bats, a few
of which I will skin, putting
the rest in formalin.

There a kind of a beetle
that generally comes out

at night, which emits
a bad-smelling vapor when
it is attacked. Sometime
ago I touched one, and
when the vapor struck
my hand I thought
it felt like a burn.
Later the skin turned
red at this spot. Tonight
I purposely touched
another of these beetles.
The vapor actually gives
a burning sensation and
the skin turns red
afterwards. I have sent
specimens of this beetle

in formalin. I will
send some folded in
envelopes so that if
desired this vapor or
acid can be chemically
analyzed.

It is reported that
a victorious army is
approaching Lehungking
on the way to Chengtu.

June 7, Yang Fong Tsang,
the aborigine collector,
arrived today with
56 birds and mammals.
He has been sick for
over a month, so

will be paid for two
instead of three month's
work. There are 16
Mammals, which I
numbered from A to P.
This makes 153 mammals
to date.

June 8. Packed two boxes of
specimens, Box no 95, bird
bones, Boxes no 96, Bird skins,

June 9. Packed box no 97,
flies. There are rumors
that civil war has
actually broken out in other
parts of the Province.
Filled box no 98, a snake.

June 10. Worked until
nearly midnight getting
ready for the trip south
of Suifu.

June 11. Travelled all day.
It was exceedingly hot.
Took a boat to Jia Guo,
then crossed overland to
the Little River above the falls.
Then took another boat to
Yeh Ker, or Moon Mouth.
Here we secured an outfit
and travelled to a very small
hamlet 15 li from Fa' Ho²
E⁴, named Bok⁵ Hoo¹ Si³
or Ahin Kiefe Si. I secured

a good catch of bees and
wasps, and one brown
flycatcher with a short tail.
aside from these we secured
little else. I walked as usual,
and feel well after the walk. We
could have reached Fa' Ho² E⁴,
but there are few good mines
and always a big crowd collect
so I like to spend the night
in this quiet spot, and pass
through Fa' Ho E rather
quickly.

June 12. Reached Hua
Lan Kiao rather early.
Killed 12 birds. More certain

rumors are arising of
impending civil war.

The aborigine collector
went home today. He
will rejoin me in a
few days.

It is very hot.

Met a number of old friends.

June 13. Went to Shihien
Yuen Si in a drizzling

rain. Secured only one
bird. Secured some small
fish and two varieties of turtles.

The more yellow or brown
variety seems much more
active. The black variety

seems more indifferent ^{inactive}.
The Chinese say the black ones
are not so good to eat as the
yellow or brown ones.

Today I heard that all the
boats were being commandeered at Suifu
and being taken down to Puchow.
June 14. A rainy day. Went to
Kong Shien. The limestone
rocks graded to pave the road
are worn smooth and are very
slippery in rainy weather. Secured
four birds, some fish, and some
good moths. It is peculiar, but
I secured some good moths by
disturbing the bushes and the

grass at daytime, but at night practically no moths came to the gasolene lantern although it was a dark night.

It is reported that there are many leopards in the mountains near here.

June 15. I secured some fish today by means of the Smithsonian Nets, and also secured five birds and a giant leech. The last-mentioned is the largest I have seen, and the only one of its kind I have seen.

The Chinese say it can stretch out two feet long but I doubt it. Secured a few small crabs. One bird I secured is entirely black and looks much like a crow, but its tail is slightly longer in proportion and its body smaller. Its ~~sound~~ sounds like oh! oh! oh! oh! to the Chinese which means hunger. The Chinese ^{therefore} call it the hunger bird. This is the first bird of this kind I have secured.

I spent the morning
nothing for fish and
the afternoon after
insects, and shot birds
off and on all day. I spent
some time drying out
the insects. Pato in
the afternoon and in
the morning a number
of friends called.

June 16. Travelled
to Changlin or Chianglin
ship over a very muddy
sticky; slippery road, got
few insects and my bird
on account of the rain.

Got a few fish. It rained
in the late afternoon &
I stayed in and measured
two Chinese and one
Lahuan. Microsaurine.
It began to rain very
hard about dark.

June 17. It rained all night last
night, and is raining this
morning. This rainy weather
is cutting down the number
of specimens secured to a
much smaller amount
than I would ordinarily
secure. I got a smaller
number of fish today.

than I expected to,
although some hard
work was done.
P.M. The weather did not
really clear up, but a
few insects appeared. I
secured three flycatchers,
one the more common
white flycatcher.

I am having trouble
preserving the bird skins
without their getting
stinky and full of maggots.
I'll probably have to
put arsenic on them
in the future.

I dried my insects today.
Jan. 19. arrived at Ngan San
Chiao a little after twelve.
It rained last night, and
the road was muddy.
It cleared up just enough
so that the mosquitoes came
out and I got a good
catch.

Mr. Alving is with
me, and he is going along
to Snipe to help me
get ready for the summer
traps. I am assuming
that the summer ^{camp} ~~camp~~
will be possible, although

There is actually civil war in the province.

June 20. Arrived early at Si Huan Tsang. Netted some fish. Killed two flycatchers. When I whistled like a flycatcher, the flycatchers fly in my direction so that it is easy to kill them.

June 21. This morning a boy died of dysentery or typhoid in the Chapel where I was

staying. Had dinner at the home of a Chinese friend, then went to Zi Fuen Ba. Killed one bird, and secured a lot of insects, mostly bees and wasps, in which line I think I am making the biggest contribution this spring.

22. Went 60 li to Si Chuan, about 15 miles. Started at daybreak and arrived about noon. I was invited to a

Chinese feast, after
which I killed two
birds, then watched
for awhile the dragon-
boat races.

I shot both birds on
the fly. The first shot
went into the air. A
Chinese woman near
was so scared that she
thought she was hit,
and had a friend come
and look at her head
to see if a hole had been
made in it, & at last
to see if she was struck.

I secured a snake and a few
insects. Took anthropometric
measurements of two Chinese.
June 23. Returned to Suifu.
Found five boxes of specimens
from Yachow awaiting me.
June 24. The Foreign Executive
has asked me to take in
Mon Pin, then go on to
Kungyuanfu for the summer.
This should mean a very
fruitful collecting trip, as
Kungyuanfu is a district
I have not worked, and off
from the other districts worked.
I may not get another ^{opportunity}

to go to Ningyuanfu.
Labelled mammals
no 104-108. unpacked
yachow specimens.

Packed about 15 boxes
of specimens. They have
still to be wrapped and
labelled. It is probably
impossible to forward
them now, so we will
have to wait until
next fall to forward
the specimens.

The rough-neck boys
have again begun
to attack our compound

wall by making holes
through it and throwing
stones.

Word has come that
there is practically a
state of war at Moupin
between the Solos
and the Chinese, so
that it may be
impossible to collect
there, in which case
I will go to Ningyuan-
fu, probably.

June 25

Labelled box no 99, insect ^{from Shifu}
box no 100, insects, 102 fish
and insects, 103 fish and

shrimp; Box no 104, Insects
from Yachow; Box 105, Insects
from Yachow; Box 106 bones
Box no 107, bones; Box no 108,
contains snakes; Box no 109
contains bones; Box no 110, frog.
Box 111, fish and shrimp.
Box 112, bones; Box 113 fish
and snake. Box 114, snake
Turtle: Box 115 - Fish and
shrimp. 116. fish and
shrimp. Box 117, Yachow products
Box 118, bats, & raw

June 26. Bought boxes for
travel and roped them up
also prepared oil-cloth

coverings - received a
letter from the American
Express Company saying
that all packages previously
shipped had been received
and forwarded except
box no 58. This has
apparently been either
lost or delayed - possibly
the latter. It is good news
that these shipments
have gone through.

There is a state of
civil war between the
Golos and the Chinese
in Moupin. This may

make it impossible to go to Moupin. I will then collect in Kweichow - fu, where the way is open now. If I go there the mission will provide a place to stay, thus cutting expenses and will grant \$120.00 Mexican on the expedition.

June 27, 28 These were busy days, with committee meetings, etc. Among other things I have had to take in a lot of money for the

Snipe Mission sub-treasury. Filled box 119, birdskins and 120, rat skins, and packed them for shipping. I am now packing every day, hoping the summer collecting-trip will be possible.

June 29 Today I did some more packing for the summer's collecting trip. I had a lot of work taking in money for the Snipe sub-treasury. There are 25 boxes of specimens that must be left in Snipe

until fall until some-
one can take them to
Shanghai.

June 30 More packing

July 1. Another busy
day. Got in more packing.

There was a rumor that
a great battle was raging
at Jehang. Later it was
found to be probably mere
rumor.

July 2, a busy day. Had
a committee meeting and
many interviews. Prepared
report of Chinese men numbers
26-50 for Mr. Hildicka.

Packing and arranging
for the summer trip.

July 3. Last night I was
up until 12 o'clock
packing and I was up
early this morning. It
is now twelve o'clock,
and I am working yet.
I expect to write out
Report no 7 before going
to bed, besides nailing
windows &c.

The account of the
summer trip is
contained in diary number four.

Sept 4. This continues where
we left of July 4th, two months
ago. At that time it seemed
very doubtful whether we ^{ought}
to or could take a summer
collecting trip. At that time
eight out of ten people thought
that civil war was certain
in the province and would
probably reach Suifu. In
that case we ought not to
leave. My surmise has
proven correct. There has
been no civil war this summer
in Suifu or in the Province.
The summer collecting trip has

been made.

Today we have wrapped boxes for shipping, we will be at this sort of thing several days. Yesterday we packed the remaining birdskins in boxes.

If I had not been sick at Kiating the large bat - skins would have been in better condition. I could have preserved them better.

Sept 5 Packing of boxes, writing letters, etc.

I now have fifty-five boxes ready to forward, and probably more than enough specimens to fill a dozen more boxes.

Sept 6. Filled ~~eleven~~ boxes with insects; serpents &c. wrapped and labelled boxes 157, snake; 158, insects; 159, insects; Box 160, insects; Box 161, snake; 162, red fox skin; 163, snake; 164, skin; 165, snake, fish; 166, snake. 167, stone pipe &c. A very busy day, but

managed to fill the boxes
numbered above, and
equip Yang Fong Peang
for two months collecting
on the Yunnan Border
South of Suifu.

Every box excepting
possibly one ~~that~~ I have
sent, containing spec-
imens, has reached
Shanghai and has
been forward on
American vessels to
the Smithsonian
Institution. Postal
Communication is

now open with
Shanghai, and is
rapid. ~~It~~ may close
later. I will therefore
mail all the specimens
here at Suifu as early
as possible, excepting
the polo armor. I
regard that as too
precious to send
excepting in the hands
of a personal friend.
If I should wait,
the specimens
might not get
through till next

Spring.

I have told Yang
Long Tsang to buy

all means / secure

Mammals, and 2,

secure night moths.

Snakes, frogs, insects

birds &c come as a

matter of course.

Sept. 7. Spent much time
labelling specimens and
preparing the customs
declaration slips, two
for each package, for
the postoffice.

Sept. 8. Sent thirty-

seven packages to the
postoffice. Spent more
time labelling packages
and writing customs
declaration slips.

Box 168, bats, snakes

Box 169, lizards

Sept. 9. Today I sent
ten boxes to the postoffice,
mailing them to Shanghai
addressed to the American
Express Company. I also
labelled and wrote out
customs slips for
fifteen packages or boxes
which I will mail

Tomorrow, that will be
a total of sixty-two boxes,
all zoological specimens.
I have still some artifacts
from the Han dynasty tomb
at Kiating, and some bats
in formalin, others mounted
like mammals.

Sept. 10. Have sent fifteen boxes
to the post office, making a
total of 62 boxes of specimens.
Sent short letter to Mr. Wetmore.
I have begun working over
the accounts and expect
to bring them up to date
within a few days.

Sept. 11. Today I worked some
on accounts and drew
a map outlining the
trip to Hsingyenfu.
at about 9:30 P.M. The
dog was barking at some-
thing, probably at a rat.
I started out of the front
door with a lantern to
see what it was. Just
in front of our door I
found a rare snake,
and it is now in
formalin. It was just
such luck as this
that we did not have

on the Kingman trip.
While we secured a fair
catch, on the whole, we
worked against adverse
luck practically ~~all~~
the time.

Sept. 12. Filled box 170,

snakes. Box 171, Insects

Developed the first

film of the ~~Paterson~~ Kingman
trip. There are more than
a dozen other films to be
developed. Secured a mob
in the yard. Mammal no
Mammal no 121

Sept. 13. Developed more films,

worked on accounts, copied
anthropological measurements.
Sept. 14. Again rumors
say that civil war is
certain in Szechuan
Province. The people say
the Nationalist government
has demanded that the
Szechuan military govern-
ment 1, dismiss most of
its soldiers, 2, do away
with over half of the
many customs offices that
have been added in recent
years, and 3 eradicate
opium. Apparently Szechuan
is not complying, or war

seems certain.

I have today spent much time on the Solo anthropological measurements, copying them for Dr. Hrdlicka. I will develop one or two films each day until they are all developed.

Sept. 15. Today I spent all my spare time developing films, copying the Solo or Koro anthropometrical measurements to send to Dr. Hrdlicka, and working over the accounts. I shall mail the measurements to Dr. Hrdlicka tomorrow. It will

take me several days to get the films all developed. Some of the films were partly spoiled by the heat and dampness.

Today there was a great religious parade or procession in honor of the Kitchen God, conducted by the Pan Pien Shi temple, the largest temple diagrammed in "Religion in Szechuan Province, China".

Sept. 16. I have spent all my spare time today working over the magazine for collecting trip account. I will

finish tonight the
general account of all
the details of the trip -
Tomorrow I will work
out a balance statement
of all collecting to the
present and forward
the statements to Dr.

Wetmore and to Shanghai.
Sept 18, 1925 Filled box
172, artifacts from Kiating
and new Chinese copper
coins used in West China.
Mailed boxes 171-172. Today
General Hu - the highest
military officer in this

part of Szechuan, sent me
a large picture of himself,
more than a foot square.
In box 172 is a large image
of a man, complete, but
the head is severed from
the body - also other ^{artifacts}.
Filled Box 173, Kiating
artifacts from Chinese
cave-tombs, ancient.

Sept 19. I attend a theatrical
performance, a Chinese, at
the Municipal Garden, at
which theatrical artists, ^{military}
officers, leading business men and
in palace dignitaries were present
by invitation. Took some pictures
and developed two films.

Sept 20. Sent fifteen boxes of specimens, mostly insects, to the post office to be sent to Shanghai by parcel post. This makes a total of 79 boxes sent since my return to Suifu this fall.

also filled box no 174
Kiating artifacts of ancient Chinese burial tombs.

Sept 21. ~~filled~~ Box 175, same as 174.
Box 176, bats secured at Kiating Aug 25-30, 1925.
mailed two more boxes of specimens, total of 81 boxes

since summer so far.
Filled also Box 177, with skinned bats, a mole, &c.

Sept 22. Mailed two more boxes of specimens, making a total of 83 boxes of specimens since summer. was invited to another feast and theatrical, lasting until late at night.

Sept. 23-25 I have developed the Kingyuen films, written reports, &c. I am forwarding the diary of the Kingyuen for trip to Dr. Wetmore.

This month I have been tied down to Suifu, but

During the month of October
I will be able to go to the
outstations a great deal, and
hope to reach the Miao
country.

During the past two
weeks it has rained
almost every day.

Generally the Yangtze
River has receded a great
deal by this time, but
~~now~~ it is now the highest
it has been known
to be at this time for
decades. It has been
unusually cold, and

This may hinder the
collectors a good deal.
Oct. 1, 1925

Today I paid the
skinner for his
monthly wage of
\$ 5.50 or about \$275
yld. In addition,
on trips he gets
food allowance, and
ten cents for every
bird or mammal
specimen. This to
be doubled if the
specimen is large.
He said \$5.50. is not

enough, and up to
\$6.00 per month. I did
not give him the \$6.00.
I told him that
I was afraid that
the expense account
I was reporting to
the Smithsonian
Institution looks
large to the
Smithsonian Institution,
and I was afraid
to make it larger.

There has been
cold weather and
almost continual rain

during the month of
September. This without
doubt made collecting
more difficult for
Lehman at Yachow and
Yang on the Yunnan
Border. I have been
confined to Suifu but
during the month of October
I hope to be out nearly
all the month.

Oct. 7. I have had carpenters
making boxes in which to
send specimens. Received
a letter from Lehman Zih Wen
at Yachow saying that

the constant and unusual rains in September made collecting difficult and less fruitful. Chen will go to Moupin, probably, in the month of October, a box of insects from Chen have arrived.

O. C. F. Today a carpenter was busy making boxes in which to ship specimens and artifacts. Chen Gil new box (first) of insects from Yachow arrived today. He has had a hard time, but I am disappointed

in his catch. I took anthropometrical measurements of two women, making a total of 17 to date and 51 men. We secured a water-bird of a new variety, bluish. I am keeping both skin and skeleton.

I leave tomorrow on a short trip to Beh sou chi and other towns west of Suifu. Friday I return and take a much longer trip towards the Yunnan Border.

Today I spent some time drying and packing specimens.

Filled box 178, Insects.

" " 179, Solo quivers.

Oct. 9. Went to Beh ~~Atth~~
Chi (BEH-SOU-CHSI). Secured
four birds and a few
insects, one mole, mammal 122.

Oct. 10. Went inland to
Shin' Tsang² or New
Town. Secured one bird
and a few insects. In
the afternoon I went
out with two soldiers
and others who asserted
that there was a
leopard's den not
far away. It was a

false report. Leopards
are apt to appear any-
where at times, but
it is nearly impossible
to find a definite den
where they are sure to
be found.

Oct. 11. Killed four birds
at one shot. Went to
Nigan Bien.

Oct. 12. Returned to
Suifu. I expect to take
an extended trip south
of Suifu soon. I hope to
get to the Miao Country
and take measurements
of Miao.

I received today a publication of Dr. Schauss with 160 new species, eight from West China.

I will mail this diary now, for it will be written full long before the end of the collecting trip.

The diary of the summer collecting trip has already been forwarded to the Smithsonian Institution by registered letter

postage.

All my native collectors are urging hard for an increase of 25 cents gold per month in salary or wages. I have not yet agreed to give it. I'm afraid of running collecting expenses up too high.

The Chinese were very friendly on my last trip, on the whole.

Mr. Lerock has recently passed through Suifu to Yachow. When he saw the Smithsonian calipers and other instruments for making anthropometrical measurements, he remarked that he formerly had some such instruments, but that they were lost in a robbery on the road to Tatsienlu.

In west China we constantly run the risk of being robbed by brigands. I have not been robbed yet, but may be at any

time. In case I am I hope that the Smithsonian Institution will regard it as an unavoidable mishap. I always leave about half the collecting outfit at home so that if I should lose half in a robbery I could still go on collecting. I can do this with nearly everything but the guns. I leave one double-barrelled shotgun at home at least. I have so far been able to

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avoid robbery by using
the utmost care and
always having a good
escort where there are
brigands. This adds to
the running expenses but
~~obviates~~ removes the
necessity of replacing
valuable instruments
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